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### Minutes

Friday, February 15, 2002

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Novato City Council Chambers  
908 Machin Ave, Novato

#### 1. Introduction

Supervisor Cynthia Murray, Policy Advisory Group (PAG) Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed all of those present. The PAG members introduced themselves.

Cynthia Murray, Supervisor, Marin County Board of Supervisors	Present
Sharon Wright, Council Member, Santa Rosa City Council/SCTA	Present
Peter Breen, Council Member, Town of San Anselmo/Marin County CMA	Present
Mike DiGiorgio, Council Member, Novato City Council/Marin County CMA	Present
John Mani, Mayor, City of Novato	Present
Michael Healy, Council Member, Petaluma City Council/SCTA	Present
Mike Kerns, Supervisor, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors/Chair SCTA	Present
John Kress, Supervisor, Marin County Board of Supervisors	Present
Tim Smith, Supervisor, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors/SCTA	Absent
Bryant Moynihan, Council Member, Petaluma City Council, alternate for Clark Thompson, Mayor, City of Petaluma	Present

#### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2002

The minutes from the PAG Meeting on January 18, 2002 were approved with a few minor changes to the Introduction segment. John Kress was replaced by Steve Kinsey.

#### 3. Environmental Update

Caltrans distributed a schedule for the environmental process. The PAG requested that Caltrans look at ways to shorten the schedule. The PAG stated that relieving traffic delays is very important and they would like Caltrans to recognize and act on the need to hasten the environmental process.

#### 4. Design Update

Caltrans updated the PAG as to the status of the Petaluma River Bridge (Replace vs. Widen). The difference in width between widening and a replacement was discussed. It is possible to do either, but most likely it will be a replacement. The current bridge is 40 years old

#### 5. Mineta Institute 'Hot-spot' Forum

The Hot-spot forum will be held on April 11, 2002 from 9-2 in the Marin County Board of Supervisors Chambers. There will be a panel of 5-6 people with a keynote speaker during the lunch hour. As more information comes available Caltrans will provide updates.

#### 6. Other Business

The PDT meeting with local agencies that was tentatively scheduled in February has been moved to March.

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7. Public Comments

Don Wilhelm read his letter addressed to Caltrans and the PAG board dated February 12, 2002. The letter is included in this mailing. Several points of concern were made opposing the idea of putting in an interchange at the Airport Blvd. Location

Comments were made encouraging the scenic highway designation.

If a group wishes to talk to Caltrans about the project, Please contact Nino Cerruti (Project Manager) at (510) 286-5129.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjournment occurred at 11:15 AM. The next meeting will be held April 19, 2002 from 9:30-11:30 in Petaluma.

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February 18, 2002  
21 Hayes Street  
Novato CA 94947

Project Manager, Marin/Sonoma Narrows  
Caltrans District 4  
111 Grand Avenue  
Oakland CA 94623

Dear Sirs:

Subject: Marin/Sonoma Narrows

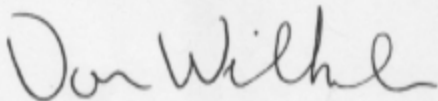
On November 16, 2001 Mr. Nino Cerruti and Melanie Brent were kind enough to attend the meeting of the Transportation Committee of the Marin Conservation League. At the meeting we discussed the traffic study that would be conducted as part of the Narrows Project. We had expressed concern that the Narrows currently acts as a bottle neck, and because of this, the traffic flow into the San Rafael Gap Closure project boundaries is limited. We assume that the Traffic Study for the San Rafael Gap reflects these restrictions. Our concern is that the completion of the Narrows will eliminate the restriction and cause new congestion and delays in the region of the San Rafael Gap Closure.

Mr. Cerruti stated that he thought that the Narrows Traffic study would coincide with the project boundaries. We suggested that the study should be extended to include the the San Rafael Gap Closure area. He said that he would review the scope of the Narrow Traffic Study.

We would appreciate if someone could follow up on this issue. We look forward to hearing the outcome of this review.

We strongly recommend that the traffic studies for the Marin Sonoma Narrows include an assessment of the impact on traffic flow through central Marin, both for the HOV lanes as well as the mixed flow lanes.

Thank you.



Don Wilhelm

Chair

Transportation Committee, Marin Conservation League

cc: A. Yee  
S. Charles  
S. Fakharzadeh





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